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For: SALES SUPPORT SYSTEM

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Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir :


Applicants respectfully request a refund in the amount of \$72.00 that was charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0089 on September 25, 2001 in connection with the filing of the Response to Notification and Notice of Defective Translation on August 31, 2001.

The basis of this Request for Refund is that the account was charged for claims in excess of twenty after applicants filed the Response to Notification and Notice of Defective Translation on August 31, 2001. However, Applicants had already amended the claims with a Preliminary Amendment filed on April 26, 2001, a copy of which is attached. The amendments bring the total number of claims to 68, including eleven independent claims. Applicants previously paid for 68 claims, including eleven independent claims. We enclose a copy of our mailroom date-stamped filing receipt, a copy of check #36960, and a copy of the fee transmittal form evidencing the filing of the same on April 26, 2001.

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Please make payment of the refund to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

42. (Amended-Clean Text) The sales support system for commodity or service of claim 34, wherein the commodity is a tool or a part of metal processing machine.

59. (Amended-Clean Text) The article manufacturing facility automatic decision system of claim 58, comprising:

means for generating process schedule for each machine tools of each manufacturing facility, each process schedule corresponding to a name of the manufacturing facility and a name of machine tool and time axis;

means for calculating processing time of each machine tool to obtain the article of the manufacturing order;

means for selecting a process schedule of the most suitable manufacturing facility, and assigning manufacturing order data corresponding to the processing time to each machine tool of the most suitable manufacturing facility.

REMARKS

By the above amendment, claim 42 has been amended to delete multiple dependency and claim 59 has been amended to correct an error in dependency.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS

42. (Amended) The sales support system for commodity or service of claim 34, [36, 39, 40, or 41,] wherein the commodity is a tool or a part of metal processing machine.

59. (Amended) The article manufacturing facility automatic decision system of claim [8] 58, comprising:

means for generating process schedule for each machine tools of each manufacturing facility, each process schedule corresponding to a name of the manufacturing facility and a name of machine tool and time axis;

means for calculating processing time of each machine tool to obtain the article of the manufacturing order;

means for selecting a process schedule of the most suitable manufacturing facility, and assigning manufacturing order data corresponding to the processing time to each machine tool of the most suitable manufacturing facility.

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The Patent Office Date Stamp hereon is an acknowledgement that, on the date indicated, the Patent Office received the following:

(X) U.S. National Phase of PCT/J99/05946, Filed October 27, 1999, in name of T. TAMURA et al

- (X) Amendment Preliminary
- () Executed Assignment and cover letter
 - () by facsimile
- () Executed S.E. 3 () S.F. 3. Assertion
- () Req. for Ext. of Time
- (X) Fee Filing (X)
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- () Letter to Draftsman
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- () Utility Patent Application Transmittal
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- () Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal
- () Request for Continued Examination (RCE) including submission
- (X) Cover Letter Under 35 USC 371 d 1.49f
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- () Rule 53b and 53f Letter for Unexecuted Application
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- (X) Transmittal Letter
- (X) Patent Application over
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 - () Reissue () Design
 - () Continuation () CIP
- () 70 pages (w/abstract)
- () 68 claims 11 independent
- () 3f sheets of drawings
- () 35 figures
- () T.D.S. form PTO-1447 & references () as attached () as listed on cover
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Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):

Search report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO. \$860.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482). \$ 690.00

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Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO. \$1,000.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4). \$ 100.00

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Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	RATE		
Total Claims	68 - 20 =	48	X \$18.00	\$864.00	
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Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$270.00	\$0.00	
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NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.


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Int'l Application as Filed

Specification-70 pages with abstract; Drawings-34 with 35 figure
Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney; Cover Letter under
35 USC 371 and 1.495; Int'l Application as published Cover Sheet
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